

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No.

SM-374

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Busler Barn (after former tenant)

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Rt. 243 (Newtown Neck Road)    not for publicationcity, town Compton   X   vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X  </u> occupied	<u>  X  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  X  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Society of Jesus (Provincials Office)

street &amp; number 5704 Roland Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21210

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SM-359

Tobacco House

c. 1850-1860

William Busler Farm

Newtown Plantation

This well-framed tobacco house is 40 ft. (10 rooms) long and 24 ft. (two tiers) wide with an original open shed on the south side. It is a tall barn, five 3'-3" tiers high in the body with an unknown number of partial tiers in the roof (the barn was full of tobacco when surveyed.) A combination of 8 and 10 ft. bays were employed to roughly center the door bays. The barn is framed of timber pit sawn from roughly adzed baulks. Vertical studs on two foot centers once bore an exterior covering of wide (11-13"), horizontal plank. The plank have half laps planed into their lower edges (see sketch). Whether the plank was mill or pit sawn could not be detected. The tier pole runners and end tier rails are tenoned into the wall posts.

The tobacco house sills were carried on small brick piers. These piers are too small, with the result that they have settled into the ground until the sills rested on the earth. As a result, only fragments of the original sills survive. Several posts have been underpinned with concrete.

Between the house and shed is a partition of vertical, sawn lath. At a very early date, one end of the shed was enclosed as a granary. It is weatherboarded with mill (sash)-sawn plank up to 16" wide. Some of these planks are butted, others are lapped.

The trim of all three early barn doors remains in place. The doors swung outward, and the southern door was right hand opening. (See notes and photographs.)

During the 19th century, the barn was extended on two sides with sheds. The sheds are framed with hole-set cedar posts (some now underpinned with concrete), hewn joists, and pine pole rafters. The false plates are mill (sash) sawn planks. One plate is reused from an earlier studded barn.

The date of the original barn is approximately established by materials and agricultural history. The machine cut, machine headed nails used in its construction date it after c. 1835, while the pit sawn timber in it probably place its construction before the Civil War. As tobacco prices were low in the 1840s, this tobacco house was probably constructed in the decade 1850-1860.

Survey time: 50 minutes.

Garry Wheeler Stone

St. Mary's City Commission

3 September 1982

Sources: Stone, field notes, SMCC

Smolek, personal communication

from Mr. Joseph P. Russell, Jr.,

22 September 1982

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This barn is now the oldest agricultural structure on Newtown Plantation. If it is to be preserved, it must be repaired soon. During repairs, as much original material as possible should be retained.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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St. Mary's City Commission, Field Notes, Garry Wheeler Stone

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name St. Clements Island 7.5' 1973Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Garry Wheeler Stone and Michael A. SmolekSouthern Maryland Regionalorganization Preservation Centerdate October 1, 1982street & number P. O. Box 127telephone (301) 994-1614city or town St. Mary's Citystate Maryland

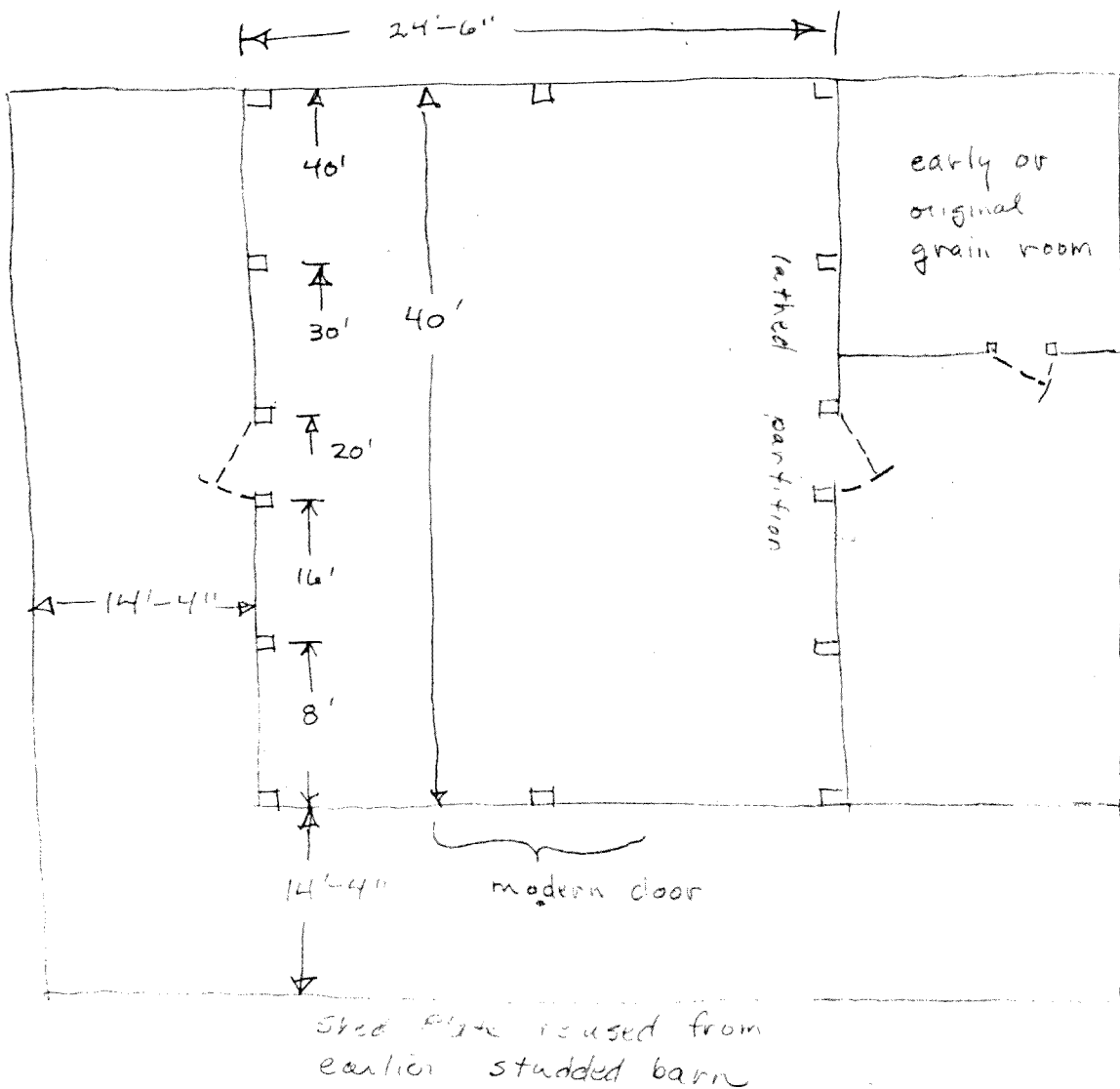
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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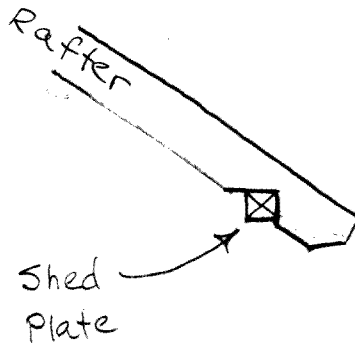
## PLAN



WEATHER BOARD

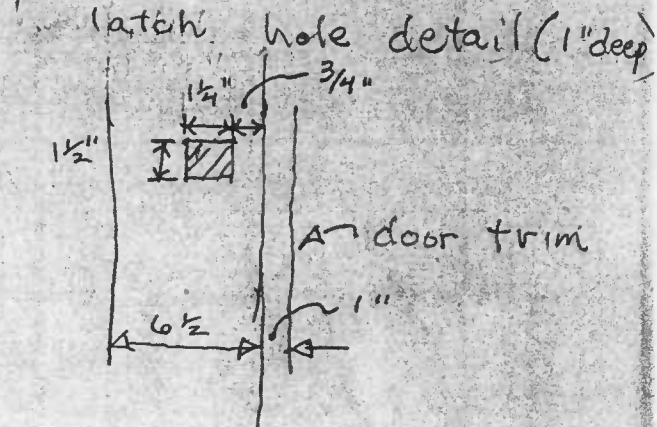
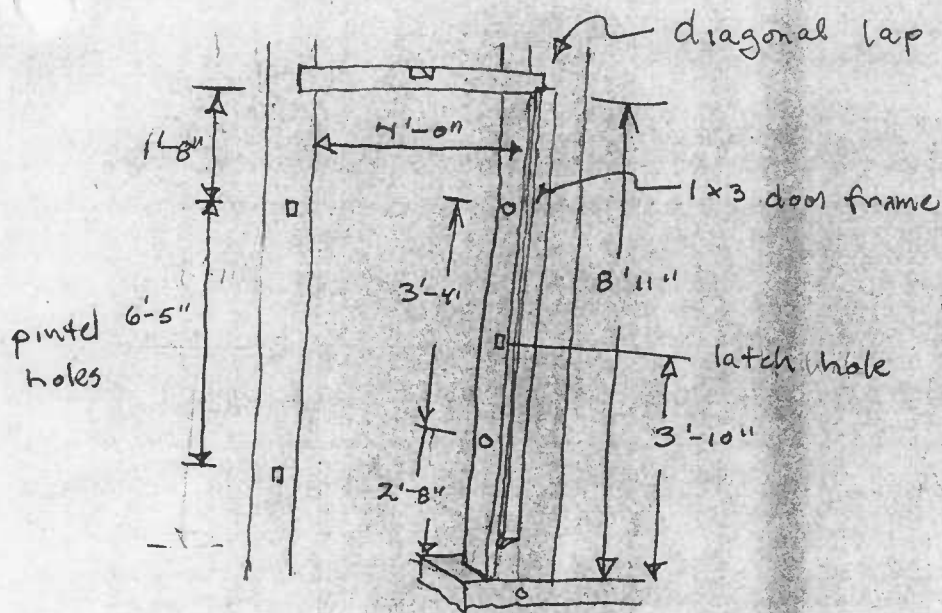
horizontal 1" plan 1/2  
11-13" wide

1/2 lapped

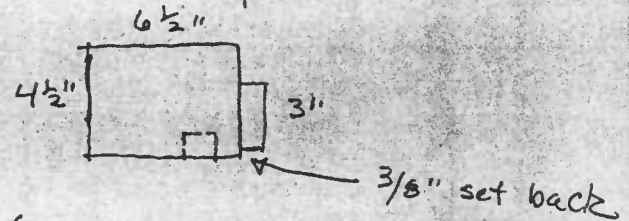
Original shed framed w/ no false plate

## NOTES ON DOORS

## NORTH DOOR



Plan



(on hinge side  
door lapped 1/2 - 5/8",  
thus door 4'-1" wide)

## SOUTH DOOR

4'-0" between posts

4'-1" between edge plank

(no header as under shed)

latch hole 2" x 5/8" set partly in edge plank  
(see photo)

## GRANARY DOOR:

3'-1/2" between posts, 3'-1 1/2" between trim

latch hole 1 3/4" x 3/4" set in 5/16" from edge of stud  
(see photo)



1946  
(St. Clements Quaal)

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# BLAKISTON ISLAND



L E O N A R D T O W N

HUGGINS POINT LT.

Heron Island Bar

BLAKISTON ISLAND  
SHOAL LT.